

BRITISH ARMY PAY TOO SLENDER, PLEA OF ENGLISHWOMAN

Writing to Relative in Philadelphia, She Commends Pension Increase of Privates and Deplores Officers' Hardships.

Something of the distress brought by the war upon the wives and families of British soldiers at the front is described by an Englishwoman, who writes a graphic budget of news to a relative in Philadelphia:

"We are all very glad that a new scheme has been arranged and a paper issued by the Government, giving increases in the pensions of soldiers and their dependents which will greatly ameliorate the lot of our poor women who lose their bread-winners during the dreadful war."

"It is a step in the right direction and one with which every person will be in agreement; it is the least we can do for our dear fighting men. I also hope we shall soon hear of a new scheme of pay and pensions for our officers—all these questions have been neglected far too long. At present I know of several cases of officers' wives who are virtually penniless, as the mobilization regulations make an immense difference to a great number, chiefly in the case of special appointments being held in peace time."

"A great friend of mine married last year an artillery lieutenant who was appointed as adjutant to a territorial brigade and was made a temporary captain with greatly improved pay. In consequence, but almost on mobilization they find that he must go back to subaltern's pay which for a married man is absolutely a hopeless state of things; indeed it is even for a bachelor as a territorial income or an allowance from his family is a necessity to an officer. Their uniforms are numerous and very expensive and their mess bills alone swallow up more than their pay in most cases. (Fat says it is a race between his pay and his mess bill every month, at least it was when he was in an infantry regiment. Poor Kitty (my friend) says she does not know how she gets on, but she says she is glad for she has a very tiny income of her own."

OFFICERS' SHORT COMINGS.

"Then I have another friend married to a major in the army, and they are now minus an additional \$200 a year which he had from an appointment. She wanted to sublet the furnished house they had taken and had found an excellent tenant, but the landlord turned crusty and refused to allow her to do so. I think it was most unfair under the circumstances, and in my usual revengeful way I heartily wish I could punish the old wretch. I am afraid these cases are mild in comparison with many, many others. Of course, there is a special society for aiding officers' families, but it will be only as a last resort that people of the better class will ask for help, and it is hoped that the country will meet the position with generosity, or, I might say, with justice."

Concerning the disappearance of Lord Annesley, whose death since has been confirmed, she writes:

"It is very distressing to read of the disappearance of Lord Annesley and Mr. Beaver. They left Switzerland on Thursday last to fly to France and it is feared that they have either had a fatal accident or have fallen into the German lines. I hope we shall soon hear that they are alive and well. Lord Annesley has done splendid work in Belgium and took part in the defense of Antwerp; it will be very hard if he has come to an untimely end while merely flying across the channel."

"I must tell you a story—quite a true one—of one of our army doctors in Paris—Paris—Paris. He is a nice, old doc and speaks in an extraordinary high voice. A wonderful rumor got around in Paris that two very important and much discussed German generals had been taken prisoners. Just after the news reached one of the hospitals Colonel—entered the hall, where an excited French doctor dashed up to him, shook him by both hands and exclaimed, 'Isn't it splendid—von Kluck and von Stein have been caught!' To his amazement the Colonel coolly replied 'Good! I'm sure I congratulate you! I haven't the faintest idea who they are, but I'm sure I am pleased if it gives you any pleasure!'"

LONDON NOT "PANICKY."

Reports that London was panic-stricken at a prospective German raid are discredited as follows:

"The Germans made a most daring raid on our east coast three days ago, they only stayed in English waters for about 30 minutes and it is surmised that their object was to lay mines and to set up a wireless station among our people. We are all wondering how a squadron of their fast cruisers and destroyers could leave their base and reach our shores, evading our patrols until within a few miles of Lowestoft. But no one seems to be the least bit panicky in consequence."

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AUSTRIANS TURN ON CZAR IN WEST GALICIA FIGHT

Heavy Storms Fall to Abate Fury of Renewed Battles.

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CRACOW HEARS CZAR'S GUNS

Residents Take to Cellars for Safety From Bombardment.

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ADMIRALS STURDEE AND VON SPEE BOTH NOTED COMMANDERS

British Victor in South Atlantic Sea Fight Veteran of Egyptian Campaign—Von Spee, Able German Strategist.

Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee, Commander-in-Chief of the British squadron which has crushed the German fleet near the Falkland Islands, is a veteran of the Egyptian campaign of 22 years ago, and considered one of the ablest officers of the Royal British Navy. Until a few years ago he was assistant director of the important Naval Intelligence Department of the Admiralty at Whitehall, London. His rise to commander of the second cruiser squadron, to which post he was appointed in 1912, was rapid and was marked by service which brought forth favorable comment on the part of his superiors on several occasions and twice won him the gold medal of the Royal United Service Institution. He was appointed rear admiral in command of the first battle squadron in 1913, and in 1912 received the post he now holds.

Vice Admiral Sturdee was born on June 9, 1859. He entered the navy in 1877, and his first important war service was in the famous Egyptian campaign of 1882, as a result of which he wears the Egyptian medal, with the Alexandria clasp, for his services in the bombardment of Alexandria and for the same service he wears the Khedive's star. After his return to England from that campaign, in 1889, he was married to Miss Marion Adela Andrews.

In 1903 Admiral Sturdee was detailed as assistant to the Director of Naval Ordnance, and in 1899 he was promoted to be a captain. In the same year he commanded the British force which landed in Samoa, and his service in the Samoan campaign won him another decoration. He is a member of the United Service Club of London, and his home is at Dalkeith Cottage, Ince Green, England.

Admiral von Spee, commander of the German cruisers in the engagement with the British squadron, was noted as a naval strategist and was said to have played an important part in drawing up the German naval plans which went into effect automatically at the outbreak of the war, and enabled German cruisers which were widely scattered over the Pacific to come together in spite of the fact that their communication with Berlin had been cut off, and it was impossible for their commanders to receive orders from headquarters.

While the details of the plan are unknown, of course, it is said that each commander had been supplied with a sealed map of the world when the plan was drawn up several years ago, and that on each map were tiny dots in various parts of the Pacific to which the commanders were to steam with all speed the moment war was declared. On their return to the dots that indicated the place they would be joined by other warships. It is said, the cruisers were to meet merchantmen at specified points to receive coal and provisions, making it unnecessary for them to put into any port until they had been joined by enough fighting ships to make their power formidable.

The carrying out of this plan made it possible for the German squadron consisting of the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig under the command of von Spee, to meet and defeat the British squadron consisting of the cruisers Monmouth, Good Hope and Glasgow, and the transport Otranto under Rear Admiral Cradock off the Chilean coast on November 1.

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